तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस निगम के कार्यकलापों से प्रदूषण फैलना

1236. **श्रीमती आनन्दीबेन जेठाभाई पटेल** : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस निगम खराब प्रवाही कीचड़, जिसे तेल के कुंओं से निकाला जाता है, को शुष्क कुंओं में डालकर प्रदूषण फैलाने के लिए उत्तरदायी है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ऐसे कार्यकलाप को रोकने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार कर रही है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) ओ.एन.जी.सी. प्रचालनों में तेल कूपों से न तो तरल कीचड़ निकलता है, न ही इसे सूखे कूपों में डाला जाता है। इस लिए इस कारण से कोई प्रदूषण नहीं है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Decontrolling the prices of petroleum products

1237. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal for decontrol of pricing and marketing of petroleum; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation will able to stand on a firm footing against upcoming refineries in the private sector; if so, what are the probable justifications therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Indian Oil Corporation will have a very high profit margin as compared to the newcomers; if so, what are the cogent reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) A number of products like lubricants, RPC/CPC and CBFS have been taken out of administered pricing system and parallel marketing permitted in Kerosene, LPG and LSHS. To that extent marketing of petroleum products has been decontrolled.

(b) and (c) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. has widespread and well established infrastructure in refining and marketing with low-cost assets base. Being an integrated refining and marketing company having long experience in the marketing and distribution of petroleum products and lower cost of capital, IOC would have an edge over the new entrants.

Demand and supply of petroleum products

1238. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated gap between supply and demand of petroleum products during 1994-95;

(b) how the gap is proposed to be met;

(c) the estimated Foreign exchange outgo on account of the import of crude oil;

(d) the details of the measures taken to increase indigenous production; and

(e) what is the success achieved in regard to energy conservation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Government has approved import of 14.773 MMT of petroleum products for 1994-95

(c) It is expected to be around US $ 2950 millions at present.